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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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THROUGHPUT QUANTIFICATION OF MRNA FROM WHOLE BLOOD

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2009 in connection with the above-captioned application. This response is being accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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